

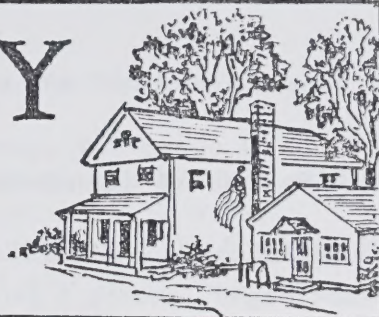
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MONTEREY NEWS



January, 1975

OUR TOWN



The Changing Face of Monterey - Part I

Next month we will tell you about the former Brook Bend Inn and other architectural improvements in Monterey; this month we want to inform you about the new library wing.

The library received a grant from the Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission, matching donations from the Monterey Historical Society. The library then contracted with Henry Bynack for the construction of the new wing. Marjorie McLaughlin is working with him in an advisory capacity. John Pizzichemi is doing the electrical wiring. Leonard Weber is working in an advisory capacity on the lighting. Work on the interior will continue through the coming spring.

The Historical Society should be contacted in connection with any planned donations for exposition in this wing. Write to Mrs. John Fijux, 52 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, New York, 11563.

This new addition is so totally in keeping with our dear small library that it looks like Eve sprung from Adam's rib. It belongs.

Recordings of Monterey History Being Planned

The library is to begin work on an oral history of Monterey. This will be taped from the stories of old-time residents. Money for the equipment will be taken out of the Bicentennial grant for the library wing.

Monterey Policeman Saves Child from icy stream

Last month Officer Robert Hardisty was on duty in the center of town, December 18, as he is every morning, directing traffic and looking out for the children boarding the school buses. He heard a child screaming, the sounds coming from behind the general store. He ran down to the Konkapot River and found a young girl struggling to climb out from the icy water. Officer Hardisty had her out of the water in a flash, got her into the store, stripped off her clothes, wrapped her in a blanket and dried her clothes. Then she dressed and went off for school, none the worse for her adventure. She couldn't miss school, as she was to be in the Christmas pageant. The young lady is Ennis Blount, daughter of Mrs. Blount of Chestnut Hill Road, Congratulations, Bob, on a job well done!

Cars in the Snow

This winter we seem to be having a great deal more snow than we have had for several years. To keep the snow well back off the traveled way the plows must have no obstructions such as parked cars in their path. All vehicles must be parked off the road, in order not to cause problems for the plows, otherwise they will be towed away at the owner's expense. If you have car trouble and must abandon your car, notify the police department.

Removal of Junk Cars

A few persons have received letters recently regarding junk cars on their property. These remain there in violation of our zoning bylaws. The Police Department thanks all owners of such cars who have removed them. All others are asked to remove unregistered and dilapidated vehicles as soon as possible. If this is not done a fine will be imposed.

New Federal Funded Program (CETA) will Help with Employment

Apply to Berkshire Training and Employment Program, Room 2, Lee Town Hall, if you have been unemployed for 15 weeks or longer. They will help provide jobs for persons with a wide variety of skills. Organizations looking for employees should also turn to this source.

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OUR TOWN (continued)

Monterey Land Inventory and Master Plan

Work began January 6 on a land capability inventory for the town by two University of Massachusetts graduates studying in land use planning, Janet Flory and Randy Neel. They are mapping and studying such things as physiography, surficial geology and soils, wetland and scenic mountains legislation, as well as land use and public health regulations. This is the basis for the development of the Town's Master Plan. They are working under the direction of Professor Andrew Scheffey and the Monterey Planning Board and are interested in hearing what you think should be included in the land inventory and the Master Plan. You may contact them in Monterey, 528-1844, evenings during the week for the remainder of this month.

Board of Assessors has New Clerk and Representative

Tom Barenski will represent the Town Board of Assessors. He will be drawing a new Town map to replace the old one which is out of date. In the course of this work he will be checking on many of the land parcels and buildings in the town. We ask the co-operation of the citizens when Tom Barenski comes around to question you. He will also act as Clerk to the Board of Assessors. We are very fortunate in obtaining the services of this highly qualified young man, whose work will be funded by other sources than the Town of Monterey.

Report of the Monterey Food Co-operative

The Monterey Food Co-op had its first meeting January 6 and ordered cheese, eggs, flour, cider, rice, honey, raisins and other foods.

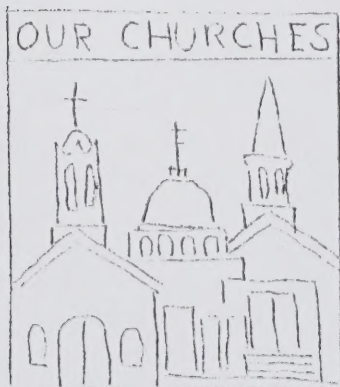
The Co-op is an ordering group, open to anyone, which buys food in bulk at wholesale prices and divides it according to members' orders. Members are to order every two weeks and pick up their orders from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. every other Thursday (January 13, January 16, etc.) in the church basement. Non-members can buy any surplus food at the end of the pick-up time.

At present the Co-op is ordering mostly dry, non-perishable foods such as flour and beans. The Co-op will also order garden seeds this month. In the future members hope to order fresh vegetables and fruits, paper products, pet foods, and possibly meat.

Membership in the Co-op is \$1.50 for one person or \$3.00 for a household. Some examples of prices through the Co-op include sharp cheddar cheese: \$1.29 per lb.; oatmeal. 20¢ per lb.; honey, 67¢ per lb., split peas, 27¢ per lb.

The next Co-op meeting will be Sunday, January 19, at 3:00 p.m. in the church basement. All are welcome. For more information contact Nancy Caffall, Co-ordinator, Wellman Road, Monterey, 528-4398.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Notes

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Church School for ages three to seven each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 19, the Annual Meeting of the congregation begins with the morning worship and continues until completed.

There is to be a covered dish dinner at noon.

Community Pot-Luck Dinners

A plan for monthly pot-luck community dinners has had its beginning in Monterey and has received enthusiastic

reponse. In November the Reverend Kent Smith, executive director of Gould Farm spoke at the gathering. In January an auction to raise some funds for the dinner organization was held. In December, instead of a dinner, a dessert was served to the group who gathered to sing carols. Currently the plans call for meeting on the third Wednesday evening of each month. Everyone in the community is invited to share in these dinners. One of the objectives is to better know and appreciate our fellow townspeople.

Christian Enrichment

In cooperation with the Great Barrington Church, a program of Christian Enrichment is being planned for children age 8-11. These sessions are to be held on a monthly basis. The first one is to be on February 2 and will run from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Subjects being planned for the series are music, ethics in the different world religions, a celebration of spring and an Easter celebration. All children 8-11 are invited.

(This is a condensed version of Dr. Brallier's Annual Report to the Monterey Church)

We are all troubled when things we cherish fall into decay. Yet decay is necessary to new life. Whether in our gardens or our organizations, the breakdown of the old is ever providing nourishment for the new. The Church, as with other institutions in the Western world, is experiencing the agonies of decay. In Monterey we are no exception. We lament "the good old days," Yet I call you to recognize with me some evidences of new life arising from cherished dying forms.

Consider the changing relationship between church and community. Some years ago there were sharper lines of demarcation. The church folk were called-out people. Today the lines are more blurred. Church membership is less urgent than once it was. Is everything going to pieces? Yes and no. There is lost a clear sense of calling to be a "peculiar people." Yet what shall we make of the current resurgence of concern about spiritual matters? And this is with little concern for church structure, teaching or worship. It is so lacking in direction as to be vague in its spiritual aspects. Yet this clearly seems to be arising from the decay of the church. How strange! Or is it so strange? In our gardens we accept the new life that comes from decay, and indeed, compost gardens have joined this process.

This seems a hard teaching when applied to church life. Yet some of the tender spiritual sprouts are being nourished from the decay of older, more rigid forms of church life. Consider some of the evidences of this new life. There are stirrings of a new respect and concern for the good earth. New evidences of caring and solidarity in human communities are also showing. Many persons are showing a new interest in the mysterious forces to be found in the individual person. There are signs of a return to individual, social and political responsibility. Surely no one needs to be told that all these are areas which traditionally have been nourished by the church. And now here are these new shoots springing up again. Yet this new life is showing itself in the larger community and seems to be arising with little direct nurture and encouragement by the church.

All this is happening in Monterey, as well as in the rest of society. Because of this I am proposing a style of church life that responds to this development. I believe this proposal contains elements both traditional and innovative. The church still has its ancient task to perform; it is to bring forth a new humanity. The power for this task is found in the divine energy that is creating and preserving the universe. This view is deeply rooted in the Judeo-Christian heritage.

Many people in our time have difficulty thinking and talking in basic religious language, yet much of the quality of their living reflects an essentially religious view of life. I believe that all such should have the benefit of working within a community concern without getting hung up over language and terminology.

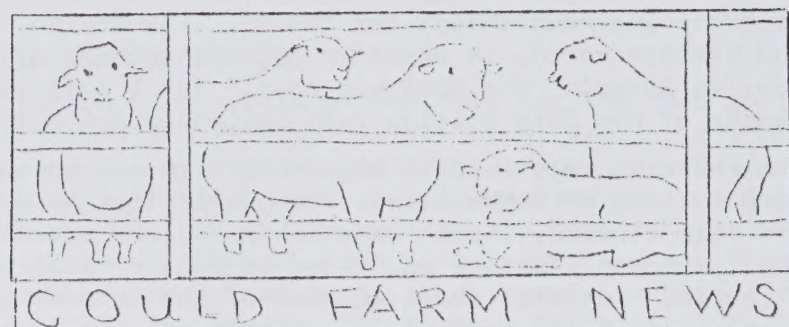
Now let me be more specific concerning the approach for the church I propose. Suppose we should begin to think of all people in Monterey as a part of the community of faith, whether or not they see themselves as persons of faith? Is that sheer presumption? If we must err, let it be on the side of inclusion rather than exclusion. There are problems in being very inclusive. Yet consider the cost of failing to nourish the seedlings of faith that keep sprouting up. The Quakers have a saying, "There is that of God in every man," Suppose we tenderly nurtured every impulse toward reverence for life? Suppose each person was encouraged his or her impulses to love? Imagine each person receiving strong support for every effort to keep the earth fair and beautiful!

This inclusive view asks for a shift in consciousness. It recognizes the solidarity of the human family. It builds hope more in the sense of community than in one's own desire and ability to climb the ladder of individual security.

How would such a view of the church take shape in this community? At first nothing might appear any different from before. A few might share in worship, many might not. There might be a wide diversity of ways in which groups would join to promote the general welfare. There will always be differences in the way people relate themselves to their own personal growth and to issues involving community values. And it has always been true within the church that there are marked differences in the way people relate themselves to God or whatever conception they have of ultimate value. If the church adopts a more inclusive stance, will it dilute or deepen the quest for a higher level of life? I don't know. So much depends on the quality of caring that emerges. In any instance, let us remember that among the prophets of Israel and among the apostles of Jesus the dream of a community of faith that finds its way into the farthest reaches of humanity was sincerely and strongly pursued. Isaiah looked for the enlightenment his people had received to "become a light to the Gentiles." The writer of Ephesians looked for that time when "all people see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things."

In order to respond to these ancient hopes that saw history as a mighty unfolding of a divine-human drama and to respect the current evidences of new life springing up around decaying forms, I propose that our church family engage during the coming year in the search for a more inclusive way of fulfilling the promise of a new humanity.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



A new staff member joined the force on December 27. She is Brynn Kroehler of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Brynn has completed two years toward her Art major at Millersville State College. At the Farm she is a leader in the indoor work program.

Since Henry Stewart left last June, the Farm has been without a resident counselor -- except for Kent Smith, who has many other roles to fill -- and also without a religious co-ordinator. That important post is now filled, with the coming of Cory Loder, his wife, Nancy, and their two small girls, Shelby, age three, and Brooke, age one. The family's two grandmothers, Mrs. Edna Loder and Mrs. Margaret Nichols, came along to help them get settled. Cory has his Master of Divinity from Princeton Seminary and also a Master's in Social Work from Rutgers. For the last two and a half years he has been Assistant Pastor at the Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. The Loders are living in Dairy Dell, where the Neweys used to be.

With less stringency, urged about Christmas lighting, the big spruce back of Main House was strung with colored bulbs and was illuminated several times during the holidays. This made a fine place to sing carols. Marta Meluleni made an enormous wreath of ground pine for the dining room mirror, which was centered with a big star cut from tin cans by Mary Ann Carter. Others made small wreaths for doors and cut snowflake ornaments of paper for the dining room windows. The living room tree, brought down from the hillside, was trimmed and admired by many people. Probably the best hour of the season came on Christmas Eve, when many of the Farm family walked down to the barn to see the live manger scene, enacted there with the help of the cows and mules. It was especially effective this year. There were many festivities at the Farm and in Monterey and Stockbridge, giving pleasure and good feeling to all.

On Saturday, January 4, the Committee on Guest Housing, consisting of several board members, plus the executive director and the treasurer, met at the Farm to discuss current plans. Two previous efforts to build a new dwelling for quests have floundered and been abandoned. Now there seems to be definite hope that something can be accomplished this year, making it possible at last to give up the use of the third floor bedrooms at Main House.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE

Monterey Grange #291 had a Christmas Variety program -- gift exchange, with Santa Claus paying a visit. There was also a miniature fun Christmas tree enjoyed by all. At the last meeting, January 15, we played Pirate Bingo. Each person brought a wrapped gift for distribution to players.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

NEW MARLBOROUGH - MONTEREY PTA

There will be children's movies again in the Monterey Library Saturday afternoon, January 25, at two o'clock.

Cynthia Weber
President

MONTEREY COUNCIL ON AGING

The Berkshire Elderly Nutrition Program transports operates a bus trip for persons with no other means of transportation to the hot luncheons in Great Barrington every Monday and Wednesday. Call Southern Berkshire Community Action, 528-1947, to let us know what your transportation needs are. No charge -- donations are accepted.

Alfred Mollé, Chairman
Monterey Council on Aging



MONTEREY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party was well attended this year. The program was led by the Reverent Brallier with the singing of carols. Skits were put on by the 4-H Cooking and Horse groups, the Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes, Cubs and Webelos and the Sunday School classes. Santa arrived with presents for approximatey 65 boys and girls from tiny babies through second grade. Candy canes and apples were given to all boys and girls present.

GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts will be holding their annual Cookie Sale in the middle of February. The Juniors have started on Badge work. The Poppy Patrol of the Cadettes have finished their Good Grooming B adge and have started work on their Chef and Hostess Badges. No news from the Brownies at this time.

BOY SCOUTS AND WEBELOS

Den 1 and 2 have been very busy this month on woodworking and space projects. Both have gone on a field trip to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson in Hartsville to see their miniature furniture that they make. The boys were shown all the various tools and the proper use of them. The Cubs will be making book ends this month. In the Space Project the boys will be learning about the constellations and will be making a tin can planetarium.

The Webelos are working on their Puppetry Badge this month. They will also present a skit at the February 14 Pack Meeting to be held February in the church social room.

HELP! The Monterey-Otis Boy Scout troop needs help. They have but a single need: a qualified leader. The troop at present consists of one boy from Otis and six from Monterey. If interested, please call 528-2548 or 528-0722.

4-H CLUBS

Monterey Roadrunners On December 10 last year Linda Hall, Assistant Leader, and
4-H Horse Club Kristine Heath, Junior Leader, attended a meeting in Pittsfield on "Equine Infectious Anemia or Swamp Fever." They brought much useful information to the last meeting of the Roadrunners on January 13 for discussion by the club.

Mary O'Connor
News Reporter

Monterey Panhandlers We have made two things since our last report: Five Minute
4-H Cooking Club Fudge and Potato Chip Cookies, because of the holidays we did not have any meetings.

Kristine Heath
Junior Leader

The Woolly, Feather At the January 9 meeting the following members gave a short
Fur Farmers talk on their animals: Billy Dynack -- calves and pigs, Scott Ryder -- rabbits, Shawn Ryder -- capons, Jessica Konigsbury -- goats and ducks, Karen Gillis -- sheep and pigs, Mary O'Connor -- capona, Susan Heath -- beef, dairy cattle, goats and capons, Wendy Bynack -- capons, pigs and calves, Susan O'Connor -- capons, Cathy O'Connor -- chickens and capons, Mary Theresa Heath -- beef and capons. Everyone can still bring in a banner and everyone is asked to bring in a joke about one of the animals listed above. Books can be brought in about these animals. The next meeting will be February 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Karen Gillis
News Reporter

Lois Ryder
Youth Editor

LOCAL NOTE

On Saturday evening, January 25, at 8:30 Fred Lancome, internationally known and exhibited sculptor from Monterey, will be displaying his work at the Berkshire School in Sheffield.

ROBIN IN THE SNOW

Red-breasted robin in the snow,
Brighten the winter weather scene.
Let your crimson lantern glow,
Windowed in the evergreen

Under the cedar's snowy plume
That gives your little house a roof,
Safe in your snug and secret room,
Instinctive faith recovers proof.

Being bird, your wisdom knows
Inner routes to beat the storm:
Where the winter berry grows,
Why the farmer's barn is warm.

Riddle is not mystical.
The Word is in the bird.
Invisible is visible,
Inaudible is heard.

Dorothy Worthington Butts
South Egremont

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